

**Deterioration in Male/Female Ratio**

†1529. SHRI JANESHWARMISHRA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that male/female ratio is deteriorating constantly in India;
- (b) if so, the details thereof as per the latest census, State-wise; and
- (c) the action being taken for correcting the imbalance in male-female ratio in those States where situation is very critical?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) and (b) As per population census 2001, the sex ratio has improved at all India level in 2001 compared to that of 1991. The information showing sex ratio in all States/UTs in 1991 and 2001 is given in the Statement (*See below*).

(c) Government of India is implementing Reproductive and Child Health Programme since 1997 for Mother and Child Care Services with special emphasis on quality of Primary Health Care and Client satisfaction which will prevent the mortality of female child and high maternal mortality.

Besides, to discourage the practice of female foeticide, the Government of India has enacted the Pre-Natal Diagnostic Techniques (Regulation and Prevention of Misuse) Act, 1994 for misuse of sex determination tests. The implementation of the PNDT Act rests with the States/UTs.

**Statement**

*Sex ratio (Female per 000's Males) — States/Union Territories: 2001*

India and State/Union Territory*/District	Sex ratio	
	1991	2001
1	8	9
INDIA	927	933
Jammu & Kashmir	896	900
Himachal Pradesh	976	970
Punjab	882	874
Chandigarh*	790	773
Uttaranchal	936	964

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

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India and State/Union Territory*/District	Sex ratio	
	1991	2001
1	8	9
Haryana	865	861
Delhi*	827	821
Rajasthan	910	922
Uttar Pradesh	876	898
Bihar	907	921
Sikkim	878	875
Arunachal Pradesh	859	901
Nagaland	886	909
Manipur	958	978
Mizoram	921	938
Tripura	945	950
Meghalaya	955	975
Assam	923	932
West Bengal	917	934
Jharkhand	922	941
Orissa	971	972
Chhattisgarh	985	990
Madhya Pradesh	912	920
Gujarat	934	921
Daman & Diu*	969	709
Dadra & Nagar Haveli*	952	811
Maharashtra	934	922
Andhra Pradesh	972	978
Kanataka	960	964
Goa	967	960
Lakshadweep*	943	947
Kerala	1,036	1,058
Tamil Nadu	974	986
Pondicherry*	979	1,001
Andaman & Nicobar Islands	818	846

SOURCE: Provisional Population Total (2001 Census), RG India